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Subject: Re: BuzzFeed News query: Superfund sites

Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 9:48:10 AM

## Thanks David. Regarding the following:

The priority today is assessment of any National Response Center spill notifications and drinking water assessments to restore drinking water systems.

Has testing begun at reported spill sites? Has testing begun at drinking water facilities? Has EPA begun testing floodwater?

In addition to status in each case, please clarify if it is EPA or TCEQ (or both) who are involved.

Thanks, nidhi

On Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 3:14 PM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Nidhi,

The priority right now is search and rescue and safety of people impacted by the storm. For Superfund sites, our remedial site managers assessed conditions before the storm and make on-site preparations for high winds and heavy rainfall. Any on-site activities at sites located in the storm's path are ceased until the all clear is given. After hurricane makes landfall and any flooding recedes, the EPA remedial managers will conduct assessments of each Superfund NPL site to ensure no damage has occurred. We have activated our National Incident Management Team and staging response personnel in Dallas. The priority today is assessment of any National Response Center spill notifications and drinking water assessments to restore drinking water systems.

David

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Hi David, A few questions on securing Superfund sites, as mentioned here: <a href="https://response.epa.gov/site/site\_profile.aspx?site\_id=12353">https://response.epa.gov/site/site\_profile.aspx?site\_id=12353</a>

- Which Superfund sites have you identified as affected by tropical storm Harvey so far?
- Which sites are being secured? (pls clarify if the work is ongoing or complete in each case)
- What steps are being taken to secure the sites?

Also, can you add me to the list for press releases out of the region office?

Thanks, Nidhi

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